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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As this Chamber lies silent and Members disperse to celebrate the holy days with their families, we ask Your blessing upon them and upon us all.

Massive pressures hang over them and our Nation. During these days of quiet, send an abundance of Your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and good will that the concerns of America's citizens might be assuaged by good policy and solutions that will guarantee a secure future.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance. The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, under nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURN-MENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following privileged concurrent resolution:

H. CON. RES. 146

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, December 21, 2012, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2012, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, December 21, 2012, or Saturday, December 22, 2012, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Thursday, December 27, 2012, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK, U.S. House of Representatives. Washington, DC, December 21, 2012.

Hon. John A. Boehner,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash $ington,\,DC.$

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 21, 2012 at 1:37 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 443.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4053.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6671.

That the Senate passed 2388. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2012

The SPEAKER. Without objection, when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, December 24, 2012, unless it sooner has received message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 146, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3477. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 133 Hare Road in Crosby, Texas, as the Army First Sergeant David McNerney Post Office Building.

H.R. 3870. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6083 Highway 36 West in Rose Bud, Arkansas, as the "Nicky 'Nick' Daniel Bacon Post Office"

H.R. 3912. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Mastic Road in Mastic Beach, New York, as the "Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull Post Office Building"

H.R. 5738. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15285 Samohin Drive in Macomb, Michigan, as the "Lance Cpl. Anthony A. DiLisio Clinton-Macomb Carrier Annex"

H.R. 5837. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 26 East Genesee Street in Baldwinsville,

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

